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1. IN CONVERSATION APRIL 1, DIMITRIS MACRIS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR CYPRUS-TURKISH AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD EMBOFF THAT GREEK AMBASSADOR TO UN HAD ADDRESSED LETTER TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM WHICH DREW HIS ATTENTION TO RECENT SERIES OF TURKISH PROVOCATIVE AERIAL OVERFLIGHTS OF GREEK ISLANDS AND TERROTORIAL WATERS, AND WHICH REQUESTED THAT IT BE CIRCULATED TO ALL UN MEMBER DELEGATIONS. MACRIS INDICATED THIS ACTION TAKEN IN ORDER TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF UN MEMBERS THE "POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CONDITIONS" CREATED BY THESE TURKISH INITIATIVES. HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS ACTION NECESSITATED BY TURKISH UNRESPONSIVENESS TO RECENT GREEK NOTES.

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2. IN ADDITION, MACRIS STATED THAT MFA HAD RECENTLY

RECEIVED OFFICIAL PROTEST FROM GOT REGARDING ALLEGED VIOLATION OF TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS LAST WEEK BY GREEK SHIP DURING TURKISH NAVY MANEUVERS IN AEGEAN. GREEK GOVERNMENT RESPONDED TODAY (APRIL 1) WITH ITS OWN NOTE WHICH DENIED ALLEGATION AND SUBSTANTIATED ITS DENIAL BY IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE WHICH SHOWED THAT TURKISH SHIP WHICH ALLEGEDLY SIGHTED GREEK SHIP'S INCURSION WAS IN FACT AT TIME OF ALLEGED SIGHTING BERTHED IN PORT OF IZMIR. MACRIS EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT GOT COULD LODGE OFFICIAL PROTEST ON BASIS SO PATENTLY FALSE.

3. REGARDING CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE, MACRIS REITERATED HIS PRIOR OBSERVATIONS (REFTEL) THAT INITIATIVE LIES WITH TURKISH SIDE TO SUGGEST TIME AND VENUE FOR INITIAL BILATERAL TALKS. HIW OWN ASSUMPTION IS THAT GOT WILL PROFFER SUCH SUGGESTION WITHIN NEXT MONTH "ASSUMING NEWLY FORMED DEMIREL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT TAKE NEW LOOK AT ENTIRE SITUATION". KUBISCH

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